

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-35. (Cancelled):

Claim 36. (Cancelled);

37. (Presently Amended): A compound ~~Intermediates useful for the production of oxathiolane and dioxolane compounds~~ selected from the group consisting of:

~~cis- and trans-2-benzoyloxymethyl-5-hydroxy-1,3-oxathiolane;~~

~~cis- and trans-2-benzoyloxymethyl-5-acetoxy-1,3-oxathiolane;~~

~~cis- and trans-2-ethoxycarbonyl-5-hydroxy-1,3-oxathiolane;~~

~~cis- and trans-2-ethoxycarbonyl-5-acetoxy-1,3-oxathiolane;~~

~~cis- and trans-2-ethoxycarbonyl-5-(uracil-1'-yl)-1,3-oxathiolane;~~

~~cis- and trans-2-t-butyltrimethylsilyloxy-methyl-5-(uracil-1'-yl)-1,3-oxathiolane;~~

~~cis- and trans-2-t-butyltrimethylsilyloxy-methyl-5-(cytosin-1'-yl)-1,3-oxathiolane;~~

~~cis- and trans-2-ethoxycarbonyl-5-(methoxycarbonyloxy)-1,3-oxathiolane;~~

~~cis- and trans-2-t-butyltrimethylsilyloxy-methyl-5-(methoxycarbonyloxy)-1,3-oxathiolane;~~

~~cis- and trans-2-t-butyltrimethylsilyloxy-methyl-5-(cytosin-1'-yl)-1,3-oxathiolane;~~

~~cis- and trans-2-t-butyltrimethylsilyloxy-methyl-5-(N-acetylcytosin-1'-yl)-1,3-oxathiolane;~~

~~2-benzoyloxyacetaldehyde bis (2-methoxyethyl) acetal;~~

~~2-hydroxyacetaldehyde bis(2-methoxyethyl)acetal;~~

~~cis- and trans-2-benzoyloxymethyl-4-(2-methoxyethoxy)-1,3-dioxolane;~~

~~cis- and trans-2-benzoyloxymethyl-4-acetyl-1,3-dioxolane; and~~

~~cis- and trans-2-benzoyloxymethyl-4-acetoxy-1,3-dioxolane;~~

~~2-thiobenzoylacetaldehyde bis(2-methoxy-ethyl)-acetal;~~

~~2-thioacetaldehyde bis(2-methoxyethyl)-acetal;~~

~~cis- and trans-2-benzoyloxymethyl-5-(2-methoxyethoxy)-1,3-oxathiolane;~~

~~cis- and trans-2-hydroxymethyl-5-hydroxy-1,3-oxathiolane; and~~

~~cis- and trans-2-acetoxymethyl-5-1,3-oxathiolane~~

cis- and trans-2-acetoxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolane.

Claims 38-74. (Cancelled):

75. (New): A compound according to claim 37, wherein said compound is cis-2-ethoxycarbonyl-5-hydroxy-1,3-oxathiolane.

76. (New): A compound according to claim 37, wherein said compound is trans-2-ethoxycarbonyl-5-hydroxy-1,3-oxathiolane.

77. (New): A compound according to claim 37, wherein said compound is cis-2-ethoxycarbonyl-5-acetoxy-1,3-oxathiolane.

78. (New): A compound according to claim 37, wherein said compound is trans-2-ethoxycarbonyl-5-acetoxy-1,3-oxathiolane.

79. (New): A compound according to claim 37, wherein said compound is cis-2-ethoxycarbonyl-5-(methoxycarbonyloxy)-1,3-oxathiolane.

80. (New): A compound according to claim 37, wherein said compound is trans-2-ethoxycarbonyl-5-(methoxycarbonyloxy)-1,3-oxathiolane.

81. (New): A compound according to claim 37, wherein said compound is cis-2-t-butyl-diphenylsilyloxy-methyl-5-(methoxycarbonyloxy)-1,3-oxathiolane.

82. (New): A compound according to claim 37, wherein said compound is trans-2-t-butyl-diphenylsilyloxy-methyl-5-(methoxycarbonyloxy)-1,3-oxathiolane.

83. (New): A compound according to claim 37, wherein said compound is cis-2-benzoyloxymethyl-5-(2-methoxyethoxy)-1,3-oxathiolane.

84. (New): A compound according to claim 37, wherein said compound is trans-2-benzoyloxymethyl-5-(2-methoxyethoxy)-1,3-oxathiolane.

85. (New): A compound according to claim 37, wherein said compound is cis-2-hydroxymethyl-5-hydroxy-1,3-oxathiolane.

86. (New): A compound according to claim 37, wherein said compound is trans-2-hydroxymethyl-5-hydroxy-1,3-oxathiolane.

87. (New): A compound according to claim 37, wherein said compound is cis-2-acetoxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolane.

88. (New): A compound according to claim 37, wherein said compound is trans-2-acetoxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolane.